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1. SUMMARY: IN ARRANGING AGENDA OCT 6-8 SESSION, SECRETARIAT HAD

ALLOWED TWO DAYS FOR HEARING HAITI "COMPLAINT" RE U.S. ART 3 ACTION. WITH HAITIAN AND U.S. DELS ENTERING BILATERAL DISCUSSIONS OCT 5, TSB VGSIEERED AND COMPLETED REMAINDER AGENDA EARLY EVENING OCT 6 AND WAS RECESSED OCT 7 PERMIT U.S.-HAITI BILATERAL DISCUSSION PROCEED. AGREEMENT WAS REACHED EVENING OCT 7 BETWEEN U.S. AND HAITI DELS TO ASK TSB DEFER INDEFINITELY CONSIDERATION U.S.-HAITI CASE PENDING CONTINUATION BILATERAL ARTICLE 4 NEGOTIATIONS STARTED GENEVA. ON OCT 8 CHAIRMAN COMMUNICATED JOINT REQUEST (REFTEL A) HAITI-U.S. DELS. TO MEMBERS BODY WHO UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED DEFERRAL. CHAIRMAN ADJOURNED SESSION BY TELEPHONE AFTERNOON OCT. 8.

2. AGENDA (OTHER THAN U.S.-HAITI CASE) WAS MATERIALLY SHORTENED BY A) FURTHER DEFERRAL CONSIDERATION TWO ART 3 ACTIONS BY EC AGAINST KOREA CARRIED OVER FROM LAST SESSION; B) FURTHER DEFERRAL CONSIDERATION OF THREE ART 3 BILATERALS BETWEEN AUSTRALIA, MACAO, HONG KONG AND KOREA (ALSO CARRIED OVER FROM LAST SESSION); AND C) ANOTHER DEFERRAL CONSIDERATION OF CANADA'S ART 3:6 ACTION AGAINST KOREA (ALSO CARRIED OVER FROM LAST SESSION. (SEE REFTEL B.)

3. CONSIDERATION EC-KOREA ART 3 ACTIONS (ONE AGREED AND ONE UNILATERAL) WAS DEFERRED AGAIN UPON REQUEST EC MEMBER WITH CONFIRMED CONCURRENCE KOREA IN ORDER ALLOW TIME FOR CONTINUATION AND COMPLETION EC-KOREA ART 4 NEGOTIATIONS WHICH WILL BE RESUMED OCT 13 IN BRUSSELS.

4. AUSTRALIAN ART 3 BILATERALS WERE DEFERRED AGAIN ON REQUEST EXPORTING COUNTRY MEMBERS (DORWARD PROPOSING) WHO "WISHED MORE TIME STUDY AUSTRALIAN MARKET DATA." REAL REASON THIS REQUEST WAS, OF COURSE, DESIRE BY EXPORTING COUNTRY MEMBERS AWAIT OUTCOME AUSTRALIA NEGOTIATIONS FOR BILATERAL AGREEMENT WITH PHILIPPINES AND SINGAPORE. SHOULD THOSE NEGOTIATIONS FAIL, EXPORTING COUNTRY REPS ON BODY BELIEVE THEY WOULD HAVE BETTER GROUND OVER WHICH ATTACK "CUMULATIVE CONCEPT" MARKET DISRUPTION THAN THAT AFFORDED BY AUSTRALIA'S THREE "AGREED" ART 3 BILATERALS, KEEPING IN MIND, OF COURSE, THAT ONE OF LATTER IS WITH HONG KONG (DORWARD).

5. BODY WAS PREPARED CONSIDER CANADA'S RECENT ART 3:6 ACTION AGAINST KOREA BUT CANADA MEMBER INFORMED BODY THAT, AS RESULT LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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NEGOTIATIONS JUST COMPLETED, ACTION HAD BEEN TERMINATED AND REPLACED BY NEW CANADA-KOREA ART 3 BILATERAL AGREEMENT WHICH WOULD BE REPORTED PROMPTLY TO TSB. THIS ITEM THEN DEFERRED.

6. EC'S UNILATERAL RESTRAINT SYSTEM ON TAIWAN (REPORTED BY EC UNDER ARTS 7-8) WHICH WOULD HAVE BEEN ROUTINELY TRANSMITTED WITHOUT DISCUSSION TO TC -- YLL ACTIONS AGAINST NON-PARTICIPANTS -- PROVOKED BRIEF BUT LIVELY DEBATE BETWEEN HONG KONG AND

EC REPS. HONG KONG REP NOTED THAT EC HAD GRANTED TAIWAN A TOTAL OF 20 PERCENT UNILIZATION OF CARRYOVER AND CARRY FORWARD AND FURTHER NOTED THAT THIS FEATURE "DID NOT APPEAR IN EC'S BILATERALS WITH PARTICIPANTS" AND, THUS, THERE "APPEARED BE AN EQUITY QUESTION." EC REP REPLIED THAT A) NONE OF EC'S BILATERALS HAD BEEN REPORTED YET TO TSB SINCE NONE HAD BEEN FORMALLY SIGNED AND B) THAT WHEN THEY WERE REPORTED UNDER ART 4, EC WAS SURE THAT TSB WOULD FIND THEM, "ON OVERALL TERMS," MORE LIBERAL THAN EC-TAIWAN REGIME. U.S. REP REMARKED THAT HE WAS GRATIFIED BY ANY EVIDENCE INCREASED LIBERALIZATION ON PART OF EC AND EXPRESSED HOPE THAT, WHEN EC BILATERALS WERE NOTIFIED TSB THEY WOULD INDEED BY FOUND "MUCH MORE LIBERAL" THAN REGIMES THEY ARE REPLACING. BODY AGREED TRANSMIT EC-TAIWAN REGIME TO TC WITHOUT COMMENT WITH HONG KONG REP RESERVING RIGHT RAISE EQUITY QUESTION WHEN EC BILATERALS REPORTED TO AND REVIEWED TSB.

7. EC REP INFORMED BODY THAT VMS. ART 4 BILATERALS WITH ROMANIA, MALAYSIA, SINGAPORE AND KOREA HAD NOW BEEN FULLY REVIEWED BY EC AND HAD BEEN FOUND CONSISTENT WITH ART 4. SAID HE COULD NOW APPROVE TRANSMITTAL TO TC WITHOUT FURTHER DELAY. U.S.-COLOMBIA AGREEMENT WAS DISCUSSED BRIEFLY WITH U.S. REP ANSWERING FEW ROUTINE QUESTIONS. BODY AGREED TRANSMIT ALL WLE AGREEMENTS TO TC.

8. LAST ITEM CONSIDERED WAS SWEDEN-KOREA ART 4 AGREEMENT. EXPORTING COUNTRY REPS RAISED NUMBER OF QUESTIONS REGARDING CONSISTENCY WITH PROVISIONS ART 4. QUESTIONS ALL HAD TO DO WITH LACK EVIDENCE IT "MORE LIBERAL" THAN PROVISIONS ART 3. SWEDEN WILL, AS IN PAST, HAVE TO ANSWER MANY MORE QUESTIONS BEFORE AGREEMENT CAN BE TRANSMITTED TO TC WITHOUT CRITICISM.

9. TSB AGREED MEET IN INFORMAL SESSION, WITHOUT COMMITMENT ANY MEMBER, LATE IN WEEK OCT 13 TO SEE IF WAY OUT OF SERIOUS CONFLICTS IN BODY OVER INTERPRETATION OF ARTICLE 3 AND 6 CAN BE FOUND. THIS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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WILL INVOLVE FURTHER DISCUSSION OF "CUMULATIVE CONCEPT" MARKET DISRUPTION AND RELATION THAT CONCEPT TO PROVISIONS ART 6. U.S. REP WILL REPORT THESE DISCUSSIONS IN DETAIL. ABRAMS

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